

Sec. 21.1202. Public transportation board.

(a) *General Provisions:* General provisions applicable to this board are set forth in subtitle 3, "Boards and Commissions," of title 6, "County Executive and the Executive Branch," of the Howard County Code.

(b) *Number of Members:* There is hereby established a public transportation board. The Howard County Public Transportation Board shall consist of 7 members. Ex officio members from state, regional and county agencies may also be designated by the county executive, but not to exceed 4 in number.

(c) *Qualifications:*

- (1) All members shall be residents of the county.
- (2) Experience or interest in the area of public transportation shall be considered in the appointment of board members.

(d) *Executive Secretary:* The transportation coordinator or the coordinator's designee shall serve as executive secretary to the board and shall attend all meetings.

(C.B. 42, 1975; C.B. 16, 1977; C.B. 47, 1979; C.B. 2, 1981; C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 21.1203. General powers and duties of board.

The Howard County Public Transportation Board shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

(a) To identify financial and other resources to support and expand existing public transportation services and to initiate and assist in providing additional public transportation for Howard County residents.

(b) To make recommendations to the county executive concerning contracts with state and fed-

eral agencies, firms, corporations and associations to provide public transportation services to Howard County.

(c) To encourage additional home-to-work transit services.

(d) To assist in procuring adequate public transportation for county residents having no alternative means of transportation.

(e) To assist in increasing transportation access to social services, educational institutions, recreational facilities and domestic supplies.

(f) To participate and submit recommendations to county, state and regional administrative bodies in planning comprehensive transportation services for Howard County residents.

(g) To receive and coordinate citizen comment and complaints concerning transportation needs and to recommend actions thereon.

(h) To evaluate present transportation services for the purpose of developing a comprehensive transit program for the county, with appropriate linkages to both the Baltimore and Washington areas.

(i) To furnish recommendations and provide information to the county executive and the county council on any matter concerning the present and future needs of public transportation in Howard County.

(C.B. 42, 1975; C.B. 62, 1988)

SUBTITLE 3. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS*

Sec. 6.300. Boards and commissions in general.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 404 of the Howard County Charter, members of boards and commissions shall be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council. Boards and commissions shall consist of at least 5 residents of Howard County who shall serve overlapping terms of 5 years or until a successor is confirmed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment or for the unexpired term. A member who has served 8 or more consecutive years on a board and whose term expires is not eligible for immediate reappointment to that board. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services except reasonable and necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget.

(C.B. 62, 1988; C.B. 7, 1989)

Sec. 6.301. Legal assistance.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 405 of the Howard County Charter, the county solicitor shall be the legal advisor of all county boards and commissions. No county board or commission which receives county funds shall have any authority or power to employ or retain any legal counsel other than the county solicitor.

(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.302. Removal of members of boards or commissions.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 903 of the Howard County Charter, the county executive,

*Editor's note—Section 3 of C.B. 62, 1988 purported to add subtitle 4 to title 2 a of this Code; however, it was given section numbers beginning with § 6.300. The county has advised that the intent was to include the provisions as subtitle 3 of title 6 as implied by the section numbers. The bill is effective July 1, 1989.

with the approval of a majority of the council, may remove a member of a board or commission from office for cause. The member shall first be presented with a written statement of the reasons for the removal, and shall have the opportunity for a public hearing before the county council if requested within 10 days of receiving the statement of reasons for removal.

(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.303. Absence from meetings.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 903 of the Howard County Charter, a member of a board or commission is deemed to have resigned if absent from 3 consecutive regular meetings of the board or commission and not excused by resolution of the board or commission. The chairman of the board or commission (or the vice-chairman if the absent member is the chairman) shall notify the county executive in writing when this occurs.

(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.304. Resignation.

A member of a board or commission who wishes to resign shall submit a written notice of resignation to the county executive and the county council.

(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.305. Meetings to be public.

All meetings of Howard County boards and commissions shall be public meetings and open to the public at all times, except under circumstances in which a closed meeting is permitted by law.

(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.306. Application.

The provisions of this subtitle relating to membership, appointment, terms, vacancies, compensation, officers, legal assistance, removal, absences, resignations, suspensions, meetings, rules of procedure, and general duties and responsibilities of boards and commissions shall apply to all boards and commissions listed in this subtitle, unless spe-

Sec. 6.307. General duties and responsibilities.

Boards and commissions may conduct studies and reviews, advise and recommend, and assume other functions as provided by law. Boards and commissions listed in this subtitle are established to perform the duties provided by law.
(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.308. Rules of procedure.

Boards and commissions shall adopt rules of procedure. The rules of procedure shall be subject to section 2.102 of title 2 "Administrative Procedure," of the Howard County Code.
(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.309. Officers.

The board or commission shall annually select officers from among its members.
(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.310. Gifts, contributions.

The county may accept gifts, contributions and bequests of property to further the purposes of a board or commission.
(C.B. 62, 1988)

Sec. 6.311. Staff.

The county executive shall provide each board or commission with additional services, facilities and staff as are necessary or appropriate for the proper performance of its duties and responsibilities and as provided in the Howard County budget